



Economic Overview And Outlook: New Mexico

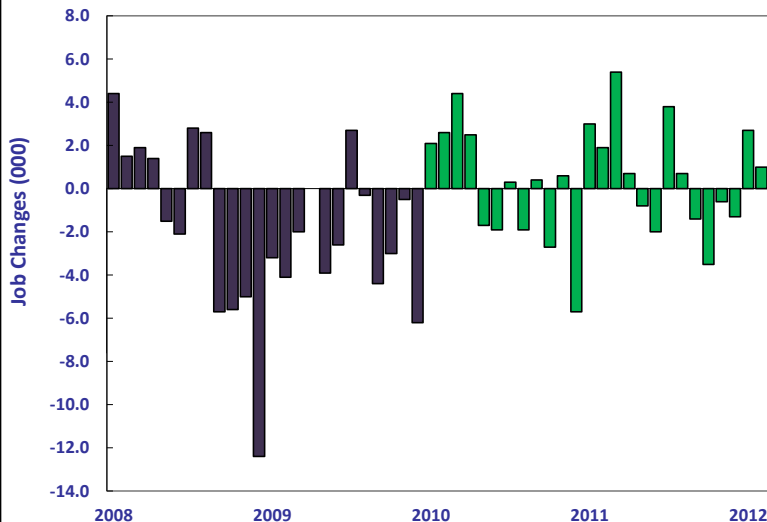
JOBS

- Including March, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 25 consecutive months.
- In New Mexico, private sector employment fell by 7.0 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 1.6 percent.
- In New Mexico, employees in the construction, manufacturing, and mining sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in New Mexico have experienced the greatest employment increases: mining; education and health services; and leisure and hospitality.*
- As the economy continues its emergence from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2010 and 2020. The largest gains over this period are expected to occur in the healthcare and social assistance, professional and business services, and retail trade sectors. Job gains in the goods-producing sector of the economy will be led by the construction and mining industries while the number of manufacturing jobs is expected to fall.

EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in New Mexico was 7.2 percent in March 2012, 3.6 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 8.0 percent in October 2010.
- 67,000 New Mexico residents were counted among the unemployed in New Mexico during March 2012.
- In New Mexico, initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits totaled 7,240 during March, up 0.9 percent from the previous month. Since peaking at 10,952 in February 2009, initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits in New Mexico have declined by 33.9 percent.

**New Mexico Monthly Change in Private Payrolls
January 2008 - March 2012**



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Establishment Survey.

EARNINGS

- Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 4th quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.9 percent above its 4th quarter of 2007 level.

- Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in New Mexico was \$30,184.10 in the 4th quarter of 2011, up from \$29,285.20 in the 4th quarter of 2009.

HOUSING

- After peaking in the first quarter of 2007, national home prices declined by 16.6 percent over 17 quarters. Between the second quarter of 2011 and the fourth quarter of 2011, the most recent quarter, national home prices rose by 1.4 percent.
- In New Mexico, home prices fell by 13.1 percent over 13 quarters from their peak in the first quarter of 2008. Since the second quarter of 2011, home prices in New Mexico have risen by 0.5 percent.
- As of the 4th quarter of 2011, 4.0 percent of all mortgages, including 12.6 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in New Mexico.
- Housing starts in New Mexico totaled 3,580 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in February 2012, a decrease of 23.0 percent from January.
- Within the West census region, which includes New Mexico, sales of new single-family homes totaled 81,000 units in February 2012, an increase of 8.0 percent from January. Sales of existing single-family homes decreased 7.4 percent to 1,000,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from February to March 2012.

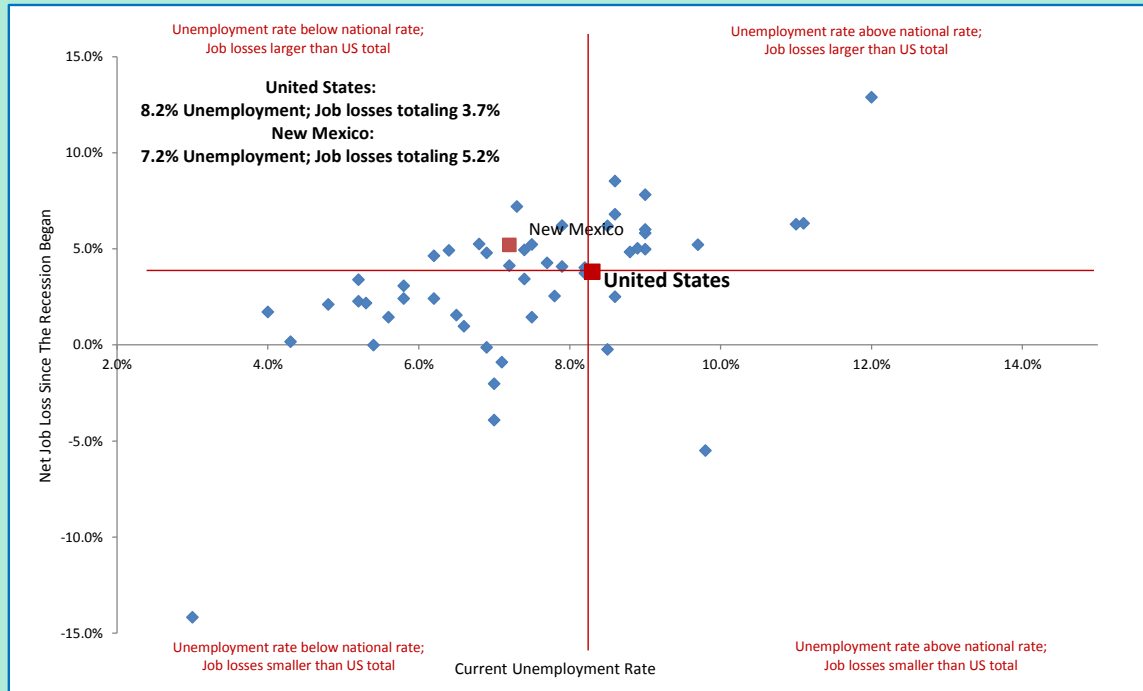
* For New Mexico-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the New Mexico office: <http://www.dws.state.nm.us/dws-lmi.html>

How Does New Mexico Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare New Mexico to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within New Mexico since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in New Mexico.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



STATE QUICK FACTS

		New Mexico	United States
Unemployment Rates	March 2009	6.1%	8.7%
	March 2010	7.9%	9.8%
	March 2011	7.5%	8.9%
	March 2012	7.2%	8.2%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2011	11.8%	9.4%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2011	8.0%	8.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2011	8.9%	12.1%
Median Household Income	2007	\$ 46,643	\$ 52,823
	(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	14.0%	12.5%
	2010	18.6%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	22.5%	15.3%
	2010	21.6%	16.3%